

The Wolf Pack Mobile Reserve



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Above right: 8th Security Forces Squadron members prepare to link up for a convoy. Above left: Staff Sgt. Scott Seeley, 8th Security Forces, and his K-9 partner China make a traffic stop.

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On a still dark night the enemy slowly makes its way towards the base perimeter. Suddenly a well-placed trip flare ignites and the enemy forces take cover. The nearby defensive fighting position and the enemy exchange gunfire. Rounds and explosions volley back and forth. The enemy's firepower is greater than expected and they take the upper hand. They begin to advance making their way across the perimeter fence. Suddenly they hear a rumble in the distance as the gnarl of metal and asphalt grows louder each second. The mechanical monsters seem to split and flank the enemy's positions. Scurries of footsteps trample around them. The enemy squints his eyes and makes out the silhouette of an armored personnel carrier. Under a streetlight he notices the skull and cross-bones that fly proudly above one of the APC's. Flames enter the air as the 50-caliber machine gun opens fire on the enemy. Explosions pummel the enemy's position from a MK-19 automatic grenade launcher. The enemy's forces are cut dramatically in a matter of seconds. Sadly, they realize they are now face to face with the Kunsan mobile reserve.

As a part of the 8th Security Forces we, the Alpha Avengers, have several unique missions. Like the rest of the proud members of the 8th SFS, all of the members of alpha flight perform day to day law enforcement and security duties keeping the almost 2700 members of the Wolf Pack safe and secure during peace time. Along with other security forces flights we pull weekly protest operations duties. We form the confrontation management team that handles every protest that goes on during an exercise.

In wartime we are converted to the prestigious Wolf Pack Mobile Reserve. The Mobile Reserve is the Defense Force commander's cavalry. During hostile engagements we are called upon to assist the other sectors when enemy forces have a stronger offensive than what the in-place firepower of the sector contains. Our mission is simple-provide devastating firepower to destroy or recapture whatever the Wolf Pack needs.

Every one knows when we are on the move-they hear the unique sound of the M-113 armored personnel carrier, which only alpha flight members operate. We have many tools of the trade, which include M-2 Browning 50 cal machine guns, MK-19 automatic grenade launchers, M-60 machine guns, M-249 Squad Assault Weapons, M-203 Grenade Launchers, and the basic M-16A2 rifles. We act as the mobile secret service to the Wolf Pack in the protection of wing leadership during heightened threats to their safety by providing personal escort and convoy operations for Wing Operations Center relocations. The Mobile Reserve handles all large enemy prisoner of war scenarios ensuring proper apprehension and searching of individuals.

We also make up the Wolf Pack's Emergency Services Team, which is the U.S. Air Force equivalent to a Special Weapons And Tactics team. Antiterrorist/hostage recovery is what this small group of dedicated people in the security forces career is responsible for. EST is tasked with training to perfect its skills. While hostage negotiation is handled by security forces investigators, the Office of Special Investigation, and Counseling Services, the tactical aspect of hostage recovery is left to the EST. All members of alpha flight are trained EST specialists. From silent and dynamic room entry to K-9 and snipers, the Alpha Avengers have everything they need.

Alpha flight contains a proud heritage and history. It is lead by some of the greatest leadership, NCOs and airmen this Air Force has to offer. Among its ranks are continual winners of outstanding performers for FOAL EAGLE and operational readiness inspections. Alpha flight members have been given honorable mention in every base level exercise final report. Whether day or night, Wolf Pack members should always feel safe knowing the alpha flight of the 8th SFS is on duty.